

Philadelphia Family Court Help Center

Clerk of Family Court, 1501 Arch Street, 11th Floor

Hours:

Custody

Monday – Thursday 12:00pm-3:00pm

Services

Providing legal information about Child Custody, including:*

- Child custody basics
- How to file for custody (Sole, Primary, Shared, Partial, or Supervised Physical Custody)
- How to file other custody petitions, including:
 - Petition to Modify Custody Order
 - Petition for Contempt of Custody
 - Motion for Expedited Listing
 - Emergency Petition for Custody
 - Motion for Home Investigation
 - Motion for Mental Health Assessment
 - Motions About Section § 5329 Criminal Offenses
 - Motion for Reconsideration
 - Custody Stipulation
 - Relocation
- How to properly serve petitions/motions
- How to prepare for custody conferences and hearings
- A list of other resources

Divorce

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-12:00pm

Services

Providing legal information about Divorce, including:*

- Divorce basics
- How to file for no-fault divorce (mutual consent or date of separation)
- How to properly serve divorce documents
- How to finalize the divorce

You can also access forms and information on the First Judicial District website under the "Family Division - Domestic Relations" section at: <http://www.courts.phila.gov/forms/>

You may download all custody forms with instructions from the Philadelphia Bar Association's website at:

<http://www.philadelphiabar.org/page/FamilyLawSectionResources?appNum=1>

You may also access forms and informational brochures at: <http://www.palawhelp.org/>

Additional information is available on the Jenkins Law Library website at: www.jenkinslaw.org

*The volunteers at the Help Center can provide *information and forms*, but are not able to provide legal *advice*. If you need legal advice about your particular circumstances you should contact a private attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you may be able to obtain one by contacting the Philadelphia Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service at 215-238-6333.